

As a local broadcaster, I support the NAB petition. Furthermore, as a fee-paying member of the broadcast community, I find it incumbent on the FCC to act according to the rules already in place. Why should the Sat Radio people get special treatment. In granting licenses for satellite radio, the FCC relied on the express promises by XM Radio Inc. ("XM") and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. ("Sirius") that their service would be national-only. Now XM and Sirius have blatantly broken their promises, launching "localized" traffic and weather service in the top twenty-one markets. They are prepared to take listeners and revenue from us, the local broadcasters. HOWEVER, we are the ones who provide LOCAL service, and LOCAL emergency announcements. I think it creates a dangerous situation to where someone listening to an illegal national broadcast could potentially miss an important local announcement. Please do the right thing. If you are going to let Satellite radio into the local market, then they need to have similar local responsibilities as us local broadcasters, ranging from local public files, main studios, political broadcasting, EEO...etc etc.